I oppose loosening the rules designed to promote and protect diversity of media ownership. These rules were adopted to ensure that the public would receive a diverse range of viewpoints from the media, and not simply the opinions of a handful of media conglomerates. The cable ownership

cap is a crucial element of our democratic media, and it should not be weakened.

I am outraged at the idea of increasing the per centage of the population cable companies can reach! It is obvious that under the aegis of the "rights" of corporations they are actually stifling the marketplace and increasing the control of the internet.

I call upon the FCC to uphold their madate to protect the public, not corporations. The airwaves are public proerty and the FCC is the publics watchdog and has vital responsibilities.

As a citizen who is appalled at what happened to our country September 11 I am furious at the timing of this request. It clearly demonstates the opportunistic motives of the companies making the request.